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Mr. Henry Brodie
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Resources
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Henry:

At the suggestion of Phil Trezise, I am sending you a recent report of ours, "The Soviet Asbestos Industry During the Seven Year Plan, 1959-65." The significant aspect of this report is the emergence of the USSR as the largest producer of asbestos in the world, the fact that its output is far in excess to domestic requirements, and that the impact of the Soviet asbestos on the world market will continue to grow.

Even under conditions of substantial underfulfillment of the Seven Year Plan, it is probable that the Soviet Union will export about 500,000 tons of asbestos in 1965, which is three times the magnitude of 1961 exports. Exports of this magnitude should have a significant effect on the Western producers, particularly Canada.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

CIA/RR ER 62-41, "The Soviet Asbestos Industry During the Seven Year Plan, 1959-65," dated December 1962.

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